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TO: Licensed Child Care Home Providers and
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SUBJECT: New Requirement – Safe Sleeping Practices Training

In an effort to promote information about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and safe sleeping practices that can save infant's lives, a recent change in Indiana law requires all licensed child care homes, as well as all homes receiving CCDF vouchers, to comply with PL 162-2005 regarding safe sleeping practices training. All current home licensees and homes currently certified for CCDF vouchers will have until September 30, 2006 to obtain Safe Sleeping Practices training. ***All new homes entering the regulatory process after May 1, 2006 must complete this training prior to application for Indiana Home Licensure or CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards Certification.***

The Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral (IACCRR) is coordinating the provision of *Safe Sleeping Practices and Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care*, a 2.5 hour training approved by the Bureau of Child Care to meet PL 162-2005 requirements. A certificate of attendance will be issued upon completion of the training. Please refer to the enclosed document for additional information about the law and for answers to common questions regarding it.

There are numerous training opportunities planned throughout Indiana over the next several months to meet the needs of child care providers required to take this training. Please call your local child care resource and referral agency for more details. You may also visit the IACCRR website (www.iaccrr.org) or The Early Childhood Meeting Place website at (<http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu/>) for information. **You must register for the training with the organization that is providing the training opportunity you wish to attend.** Due to the nature of the materials, the maximum group size per training is limited to 25. There will be plenty of training opportunities from which to choose, however early registration will help assure your first choice of dates.

We look forward to your attendance, and are confident that you will find this an engaging and informative training session. Thank you for your cooperation. **If you have questions regarding the Safe Sleeping Practices training, please call IACCRR at 1-800-299-1627, or email: mchalman@iaccrr.org, rjackson@iaccrr.org or rbueckers@iaccrr.org.**

